

**5148. Adulteration and misbranding of so-called purified wool fat. U. S. \* \* \* v. 2 Cases \* \* \* and 20 \* \* \* 14 \* \* \* and 12 \* \* \* Cans \* \* \* of Purified Wool Fat. Consent decrees of condemnation and forfeiture. Product ordered released on bond. (F. & D. No. 7463. I. S. Nos. 610-1, 611-1, 612-1, 613-1. S. Nos. E-617-a and b.)**

On May 25, 1916, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district libels for the seizure and condemnation of 2 cases, each containing 50 one-pound cans, 20 one-pound cans, and 2 batches, consisting of 14 and 12 fifty-pound cans, respectively, of a product purporting to be purified wool fat, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at New York, N. Y., alleging that the article had been shipped on March 28, 1916, and April 19, 1916, by the Hilton Chemical Co., Baltimore, Md., and transported from the State of Maryland into the State of New York, and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. Two of the 50-pound cans were labeled: "Lord Baltimore Brand Lanum Anhydrous Specially prepared for use in pharmacy and medicine,—as in ointments, creams, etc." The remaining 50-pound cans were labeled: "Purified Wool Fat—Lord Baltimore Brand Lanum Adeps Lanae Hydrosus (U. S. P.) Neutral and Non-Irritating Ointment and Cream Base. Made in Baltimore. Hilton Chemical Co., Incorporated Baltimore, Md." The 20 one-pound cans were labeled: "Lord Baltimore Brand Lanum Anhydrous Specially prepared for use in Pharmacy and Medicine,—as in ointments, creams, etc. One pound Purified Wool Fat Lord Baltimore Brand Lanum Anhydrous Neutral and Non-Irritating Ointment and Cream Base Made in Baltimore. Hilton Chemical Co., Incorporated Baltimore, Md." The 2 cases, each containing 50 one-pound cans, were labeled: "One Pound Purified Wool Fat (Hydrous) Lord Baltimore Brand (Adeps Lanum Hydrous) Neutral and Non-Irritating Ointment and Cream Base Made in Baltimore Hilton Chemical Co., Incorporated Baltimore, Md. Lord Baltimore Brand Purified Wool Fat (Hydrous) also known as Adeps Lanum Hydrous Specially prepared for use in pharmacy and medicine—as in ointments, creams, etc."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libels for the reason that it was sold under and by a name recognized in the United States Pharmacopœia, and it differed from the standard of strength, quality, and purity, as determined by the test laid down in said Pharmacopœia, and neither the strength, quality, nor purity was stated upon the containers thereof. Adulteration was alleged for the further reason that the article was sold as lanum or purified wool fat, whereas it contained 50 per cent of petroleum products, and thereby fell below the professed standard and quality under which it was sold.

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the article was labeled, "Lanum" or "Purified Wool Fat," when it was not such, and said statements were false and misleading. Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the article was an imitation of and offered for sale under the name of another article, to wit, lanum or purified wool fat, when in fact it was not such.

On July 20, 1916, the said Hilton Chemical Co., claimant, having admitted the truth of the allegations in the libels and consented to decrees, judgments of condemnation and forfeiture were entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be released and delivered to said claimant upon payment of all the costs of the proceedings and the execution of bond in the aggregate sum of \$750, in conformity with section 10 of the act, conditioned in part that the goods, after their release and delivery to the claimant, should be shipped to said claimant at Baltimore, and that the goods should not be reshipped or sold or otherwise disposed of without a label approved by the proper official or officials of the Department of Agriculture.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*